

SPECIAL SATURDAY SALE

Lee Mercantile Company's, Alma, Mich.

SHOE SALE

Ladies' \$1.50 Crumbs of Comfort.....	\$1.23
Ladies' \$2.50 Crumbs of Comfort.....	1.98
Ladies' \$1.75 Box Calf Welt Sole.....	1.49
Ladies' \$1.75 Pat Tip Kid Single Sole.....	1.49
Ladies' \$1.50 Pat Tip Kid Welt Sole.....	1.39
Ladies' \$1.25 Pat Tip Kid Welt Sole.....	1.19
Your choice of our entire line of Ladies' \$2.00, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.00 and \$3.25 Oxfords Saturday for.....	1.49

Saturday, July 22, 1905

Don't forget the 5c and 10c Counters. 1200 useful Articles in Kitchen Utensils and Handy Tools.

SHOE SALE

Men's \$1.50 Congress Hub Gores.....	\$1.23
Men's \$1.50 Plain Toe Calf Shoe.....	1.23
Men's \$1.50 Cap Toe Calf Shoe.....	1.23
Men's \$2.25 Blucher Cut Box Calf.....	1.98
Men's \$2.25 Box Calf Bals.....	1.98
Men's \$3.00 Single Sole Dress Shoe.....	2.79
Men's \$3.50 Pat Colt Box Calf and Kid....	2.98
Men's \$4.00 Ralston Health Shoes.....	3.49
Your choice our entire line Men's Oxfords Sat.	2.25

Excursion to Muskoka Wharf, Ontario
On Thursday, August 24th, the Ann Arbor R. R. will sell excursion tickets to Muskoka Wharf, Ont., and return in connection with Grand Trunk Annual excursion to that point.
The fare from Alma will be \$5.00 for round trip, good to return Sept 4th.
23-1-5

Sunday Excursion to Toledo.
On Sunday, July 23rd, the Ann Arbor R. R. will give an excursion to Toledo. Special train will leave Alma at 6:42 a. m. Fare for round trip \$1.50.
Tickets will also be sold to Owosso at 75c for round trip, and to Ann Arbor \$1.25 for round trip.
23-1-1

C. E. CHANDLER, Auctioneer.
BUTTERNUT, MICH.
Telephone for rates and dates for Auction Sales.

WANTS

FOR SALE, RENT, EXCHANGE, ETC.

WANTED—Sealed bids for the solid brick one room addition to the Remus school house. Plans are in possession of Dr. F. W. Mobbs, Remus.
23-1

FOR SALE—The residence owned by Miss Josephine Whipple, on North Water street. Swartz & Bassett are selling agents. For information apply to either owner or agents.
23-1

FOR SALE—New milch cow. Inquire at this office.
23-1

WANTED—First class second cook at the Wright House.
23-1

ROOMS TO RENT—In the Vermilion Block. Inquire of Mrs. H. J. Vermilion.
23-1

FOR RENT—Back rooms over the Record office. Enquire at once if you want them, at the office.
23-1

A Bargain—Good second hand 15 horse power stationary engine and boiler. Cheap for cash. Central Michigan Produce Co., Alma, Mich.
23-1

Wanted—Good reliable girl for chamber maid for private house. Apply to Mrs. J. H. Lapchire.
23-1

BARN FOR RENT—Inquire of Rev. A. J. Fennell at the Montpelier residence.
23-1

FOR RENT—Good barn between Woodworth and State streets, enquire at Record office.
23-1

FOR SALE—Ten cows, some fresh and some soon will be. Two Jersey cows in the lot. Apply on the farm of A. H. Brown, 2 miles west and 2 north of Alma.
23-1

ORDER OF HEARING ON PROBATE OF WILL—State of Michigan, County of Gratiot. At a session of the Probate Court for said County, held at the Probate Office, in the Village of Ithaca, on the 18th day of July, in the year one thousand nine hundred five and no part, Isaac S. Seaver, Judge of Probate, in the Matter of the Estate of Truman Richmond, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Jane Richmond, widow of said deceased, praying that a certain instrument now on file in this Court, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, as a be admitted to Probate, and that the administration of said estate be granted to Lester H. Hayt or some other suitable person.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Tuesday, the 10th day of August, next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition and that the legatees and heirs-at-law of said deceased and all other persons interested in said estate be required to appear at a session of said Court then to be holden at the Probate Office, in the Village of Ithaca, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should be granted.

It is further ordered, that said petition give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition, and the hearing thereon, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Alma Record, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

(SEAL) 7-21-05
ISAAC S. SEAVER,
Judge of Probate.

PROBATE NOTICE—State of Michigan, County of Gratiot. Notice is hereby given that the final account of Jas. G. Kress, the executor of the estate of Ingalls Horton, late of Gratiot County, Michigan, deceased, will be allowed by me at the Probate Office, in the Village of Ithaca, in said County, on Tuesday, the 25th day of August, next, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day.
Dated Ithaca, July 18th, A. D. 1905.
ISAAC S. SEAVER,
Judge of Probate.

FARMER'S best friend is the Horse. The Horse's best friend is 48-Hour Condition Powder. 2 lbs 25c

Home and Vicinity

Mrs. Clara Livingston, was in the city Saturday.

J. H. Markman was in Ithaca the first of the week.

W. C. Mallory made a business trip to Ashlev, Monday.

W. T. Pitt was in Lansing on business the first of the week.

Anton Boyer made a business trip to Breckenridge, Saturday.

A. L. Fisher and daughter, Marie, were in Saginaw, Monday.

Miss Ola Lemm left Friday for Owosso to visit friends for a week or two.

Miss Mary Emsley is on a two weeks' visit with relatives in North Star.

Some special bargains at the Variety Store all this month. Don't forget it.

D. P. Abbott went to Lansing, Monday, as a witness in the Chase vs. Angell case.

Ota'delle went to Greenville, Monday, to spend two or three weeks' with friends.

Mrs. C. J. Barnes entertained her aunt, Mrs. C. J. Summers, of Melrose, Cal., last week.

Miss Minnie Brown is visiting for two weeks with her sister, Mrs. Alva Croop, in Gaines.

Mrs. Chas. Hildreth, of Elwell, attended the funeral of Truman Richmond Monday afternoon.

Jas. G. Kress was in Lansing Monday as attorney for the defendant in the Chase vs. Angell case.

Jas. McNamara and Harry Moore were in Merrill, Monday, in the interest of the Central Michigan Produce Co.

Pay and Vivian Daggett, of Ovid, came Monday to spend two weeks with their uncle, Amos Dickerson and family.

Miss Cora Matherson, of near Riverdale came home Monday from a short visit with friends in Clare and Mt. Pleasant.

Ray Swigart came from Mt. Pleasant, where he is attending Summer School, to visit his parents over Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Alice Caris returned home to Vestaburg, Monday after a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hinkle of Emerson.

Harry R. Chambers, of Ferris Center and Miss Retta Scott, of Alma, were married Thursday evening by Rev. H. S. Higgins in his study.

Mrs. Edna Farr and Miss Blanche Summons, of Owosso, were guests of L. Stevens and family, Monday, enroute to Lakeview, where their mother is very ill.

Mrs. J. T. Lemessur and two children have returned to their home in Detroit after a two weeks' visit with her father, J. F. Sarter Sr., and other relatives and friends.

Miss Delia Sykes, of Detroit, and nephew, Garber Evans, of Ray City, returned to their homes Saturday after a week's visit with her brother, S. M. Sykes and family, of Newark.

Mrs. G. Moyles, of Roscommon, who has been here the past ten days' visiting friends and looking after her property interests, left Tuesday for a further visit with friends in Saginaw.

Gertrude Whiting started last Saturday for New York City, from where she sailed Wednesday on steamer Syndam for Bologna, thence to Paris to spend the summer studying vocal culture. She will return to her duties in Ft. Dodge, Ia. this fall.

During the storm Monday morning lightning struck the residence owned by Geo. Pulfrey and occupied by R. C. Vandebelt on west Superior Street, tearing two large holes in the roof and doing other slight damages. The loss was adjusted by Jno. T. Swigart.

Miss Marian Paddock is visiting friends in Howell this week.

A. F. Rockwell made a business trip to St. Louis Monday.

R. P. Lee transacted business in Detroit Tuesday and Wednesday.

Dr. Ida M. Conklin is visiting friends in Lansing for a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Smith have a baby boy, born July 11, weight nine pounds.

Mrs. Chas. Weeks, of Laingsburg Mich., is visiting J. H. Golden at Alma Heights.

Mrs. Bert Eckert left Tuesday for a two weeks' visit with her parents in St. Johns.

Mrs. Garver, of St. Louis, was the guest of Mrs. Walter Mosher last Friday.

R. F. Warner and wife, of Blanchard are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bert Parker, of Pine River.

Mrs. J. H. Faity and Miss Bernice Pollasky visited in Mt. Pleasant Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. E. L. Smith entertained her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Morris, a few days this week.

Miss Florence Durkee returned from Breckenridge, Tuesday, where she has been caring for her mother who is ill.

Geo. E. Sharrer attended a meeting of the Board of County Poor Commissioners of which he is a member, at Ithaca last Friday.

Miss Leah Bates, of Mt. Pleasant, returned home Monday after an extended visit with her aunt, Mrs. Hattie Bates, of Sumner.

Rev. Geo. Bates will spend the balance of the month on a trip through Michigan, in the interest of the Michigan Baptist Christian Herald.

D. M. Hannahs, from Ohio, who has been visiting his brother Wm. Hannahs, left Tuesday for a short visit in Lansing with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Atkinson, of Big Rapids, who were here during the illness and subsequent death of her uncle, Truman Richmond, have returned home.

Jas. G. Kress, L. H. Hayt and Mrs. Truman Richmond were in Ithaca, Tuesday, on legal business in connection with the estate of the late Truman Richmond.

Miss Mabel Chapman has returned from a ten days' pleasure trip in Charlevoix, Petoskey, Mancelona and other northern resorts and is again at her duties in Frank Pollasky's store.

Preaching service at the Presbyterian church, by the pastor, Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. All young people of the church are urged to attend the C. E.

An error in the report of moneys received and expended for cleaning the pond which made the amount subscribed read \$563.75 where it should have been \$597.15, leaving a deficiency of \$3.17, instead of \$35.57.

G. S. Ward received a telegram Monday announcing the death of Mrs. J. T. Hall which occurred Sunday at her late home in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Hall were residents of Alma for a number of years and have many friends here who will be sorry to learn of this news.

F. L. Delavan returned Saturday from Vancouver, British Columbia, where he has been for the past six years. About the 15th of April he was taken with pleurisy and was in the care of the hospital there for about six weeks, undergoing two operations. He is recovering very slowly.

Brother Gould, of the Shepherd Advocate, is having a "July Sale" and offers his paper at bargain counter prices to increase his subscription list. The Advocate is worth a hundred cents on the dollar of any man's money and the sale will doubtless bring his list up to the coveted thousand mark.

Paul Murray and family, of Battle Creek, are moving to Alma. Mr. Murray has entered into partnership with Joe Ray in taking ditching and dredging contracts.

Mrs. Will F. Young visited St. Louis friends Saturday.

Bert Woodward visited a day or two with his brother in Vestaburg this week.

J. D. Spinney left for a few days' stay at Old's Mission, combining business with pleasure.

Miss Edna Watson of Breckenridge, was the guest of Miss Esther Bruske a few days this week.

Mrs. Della Irish of Pontiac, came Tuesday to make her mother, Mrs. W. M. Rollins, a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Wright have returned home to Frankfort after a ten days' visit with friends in the city.

Mrs. John Wagner has returned home to Waterford, after a short visit with her sister, Mrs. G. R. Thompson.

Mrs. W. H. Gleason, and daughter, Stella, are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Hase, in Ithaca.

RUSSIAN OFFICERS.

A report of the retreat from Muk

en given to the Associated Press by an unnamed trader might be regarded as exaggerated were not the details substantiated by comparison with letters previously received from correspondents stationed at other points of concentration. The trader tells of officers drinking themselves into unconsciousness on the eve of the retreat and being thrown in this condition into cars, which carried them beyond the grip of the Japanese pursuit. Whatever may be the qualifications of the more prominent officers in the Russian army, it is undeniable that the subordinate or company commanders average pretty badly. They seem to be a corrupt, half-drunk, gambling and generally profligate lot. Added to that, their indifference to the theoretical and scientific side of their profession has become notorious by comparison with the transcendent ability of their Japanese rivals. The examples set by the younger officers in the contending armies must have an appreciable effect upon the men who fight directly under their supervision. It is a wonder that the Japanese pride themselves on the morale of their army when they are made aware of the licentiousness and demoralization existing among their opponents?

AMERICANS AND CANADIAN NORTHWEST.

Canada is somewhat troubled over the diminished American immigration into the Canadian Northwest in 1904 compared with that of the year immediately preceding. In 1901-02 the number of Americans who sought homes in Canada was 26,000; in 1903-1904 the number rose to 49,000, while in 1902-1904 it dropped to 45,000. W. J. White, chief Canadian inspector of immigration agencies, has just returned to Ottawa from an extended tour in the United States, and as a result of his observations, predicts that fully 60,000 Americans this year will cross over the border and become settlers in Canada.—New York Tribune.

By Another Name.

Lillian was a great reader, and even at the age of eight found great pleasure in reading books suited to the understanding of older children. One day, however, she found her "Waterloo" in a word, she pronounced "duffnuts." Lillian thought she had heard of every kind of nuts, from coconuts to grape nuts, but "duffnuts" had certainly not been among the number. She inquired of her mother what kind of a nut a "duffnut" might be, but mother insisted she had made some mistake in the word, for no such nut existed. Lillian went for her book in which the contest word appeared. Mother had a hearty laugh at Lillian's expense when the word pronounced "duffnuts" turned out to be spelled "doughnuts."—N. Y. Journal.

Itchiness of the skin, horrible plague.

Most everybody afflicted in one way or another. Only one safe never failing cure. Doan's Ointment. At any drug store, 50 cents.

ANOTHER RUSSIAN ADMISSION.

The world was appalled when the Russian war office, goaded by the assertions that it had been slothful, gave out the information that it had forwarded 75,000 soldiers to Manchuria since the war began. As there were at least 75,000 there at the outbreak of hostilities, and only 250,000 effective after the battle of Mukden, this implies that 500,000 Russians have been killed, wounded, captured or victims of disease.—New York Mail.

MR. CLEVELAND AND CLUB WOMEN.

Much that Grover Cleveland says in the current number of the Ladies' Home Journal about woman's mission is quite true, while a great deal that he says of the harmfulness of women's clubs we think he may wish to amend ten or fifteen years hence. It is undoubtedly true that many clubwomen do neglect their families to attend their clubs, but it is equally true that if there were no women's clubs on the face of the earth these women would be forgetful of their home duties.—Boston Transcript.

WORLD'S LARGEST HOSPITAL.

The consumption sanitarium which is to be established near Las Vegas, New Mexico, through the joint generosity of the Santa Fe railroad and the fraternal organizations, will represent the most ambitious attempt yet made to stay "the white plague." The undertaking is of national importance. A mere outline of the plan carries hope to thousands and is a welcome assurance against future misery.

NOTHING KEEPS THEM OUT.

Thirty thousand immigrants arrived in seven days! That is at the rate of more than a million and a half a year. It means a larger immigration in one week than came to the country in any one whole year prior to 1832. It means that more would be immigrants (though they are a very small proportion) will be refused and sent back to Europe than were admitted in any year prior to 1832. It means that all our feeble attempts to restrict immigration have been utterly futile.—New York Mail.

PRIZE DUE BALTIMORE.

The determination of Baltimore to expend more than \$25,000,000 for improvements in the very face of a disaster that cost citizens anywhere from \$150,000.00 to \$200,000,000, naturally wins golden opinions from everybody.—Baltimore American.

THE CZAR'S WEALTH.

The czar of Russia, it is said, has \$25,000,000 invested in English securities, and it is also declared that he would in an extreme crisis fly and live in England, as other troubled monarchs have done before him. Then he has a second string to his bow in the \$5,000,000 invested in American rails, iron and coal.

Poor Queens.

"Let's play you're a queen," said Freddy to Faith.

But Faith shook her head, and she sighed.

"I'm sorry for queens, and 'twould make me feel sad."

Just to play I was one," she replied.

"For the Queen Victoria sat on a throne."

For sixty—long—years, Mother said.

Do you s'pose it let down so she could sleep nights?

As do we on a folding bed?

Poor queen! she didn't sleep sound, that I know.

Even if her throne would let down. For my mother, she said that 'uneasy lies

The head that is wearing a crown!"

And now, when you know how weary queens get,

I think that, with Faith, you will own,

'Tis better to be just a gay little girl Than to have a crown and a throne!"

—Little Folks

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HER ADOPTED SISTER.

How a Dear Little Girl Proved Her Love of Companionship.

Elsie was an only child, and except for this fact had everything in the world to make her happy. Toys without number, and a host of grown-ups, who vied with each other in their efforts to make their little relative happy. Despite this, Elsie longed for companionship of her own age, and would leave toys, playhouse or pony for any child she could find. This was all right in itself, but Elsie was not very choice in her friends. They might be dirty, ragged and anything but attractive, to say nothing of occasional sore eyes and suspicious coughs.

Elsie's mother felt very sorry for her little girl and did all she could to make her feel less forlorn. In the neighborhood where Elsie lived there was not a child near her age, which made the little girl very lonely in her big, shady yard, just the place for hide-and-seek, tag and house, if she only had some children to play with.

One day Elsie's mother looked out in the yard, but Elsie was nowhere to be seen. Repeated calls brought no response, although the house was searched. In a little while Mrs. Shaw heard some scampering little feet way up in the tower, and climbing there found Elsie—and the most disreputable specimen of a little girl that Mrs. Shaw had ever seen. Her large, dark eyes and tangled hair told her that Elsie's friend was some little Italian from a settlement of foreigners down on the railroad tracks.

Elsie, however, was all smiles, and introduced her companion as follows: "See, mother, isn't she a nice little girl? Her name is Esmeralda. She says her mamma won't care because she had five other children. She's three and a half, and I've decided to keep her to play with me. She's very unselfish, mother. She lets me have my way all the time, and is not a bit disobeying when we play. Besides, she hasn't either the whooping cough or the measles, for I asked her, and she's clean—as least she's clean on the outside."

"I'm glad she's such a nice little girl, but what are you doing up here?" inquired Mrs. Shaw.

"We're hiding," admitted Elsie. "I was afraid the policeman might be hunting for her, so I thought I'd bring her way up here."

"But, dear," said Mrs. Shaw, "you couldn't keep the little girl. Her mother and father want her, even if they have five other children. I am very much afraid that my little girl has deliberately stolen a playmate."

"Not stolen, mother. Don't people ever adopt little children? Well, that's what I have done. I've adopted Esmeralda."

Mrs. Shaw had great trouble inducing both children to come with her. Taking one by each hand she led them through the village, where she learned that Esmeralda lived. She bought both children some candy for consolation, and took the little Italian girl home, much to Elsie's sorrow.

Not long afterward a friend of Mrs. Shaw's died, way out West, leaving a little girl about Elsie's age unprovided for. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw had a long consultation as to what they should do, but remembering Elsie's experience with Esmeralda, determined to take the little orphan.

And they did, and two weeks later, the dearest, chubbiest, rosiest-cheeked, cleanest, little girl arrived at Elsie's home. From that time onward Elsie was blissfully happy. Toys became doubly pleasant, games assumed new meanings, and simple pleasures multiplied themselves, all because Elsie now had some one to share them with her—her dear little adopted sister.

The "Celery King complexion" is what one Alma lady calls the beautiful skin that comes from the use of the tonic laxative, Celery King. 25c at druggists.

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